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In re Application of: Kodama et al.
 Application No. 09/502,834
 Filed: February 11, 2000
 For: POLYBENZAZOLE AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Office Action in the subject application.

Applicant claims small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

Petition For Extension Of Time

- Applicant(s) petitions for a extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the fee for which is \$0.00 (enclosed).
- Applicant(s) believes that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, applicant(s) hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

No additional claim fee is required.

Other: Partial English Translation of Priority Document (JP 036314/1999).

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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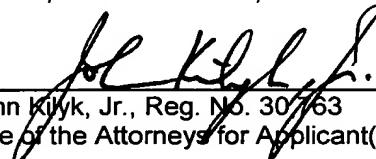
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- Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 24-31, with the following:

A black solution was obtained by adding a small amount (less than about 1000 ppm) of a sodium hypochlorite solution to an aqueous solution of 2-aminophenol-4-sulfonamide (5% by weight) at 50°C, and the yarns prepared according to the method described in Example 1 were immersed therein for 60 seconds after neutralization step. The yarns were washed with water for 10 seconds and dried at 30°C for 120 seconds. The obtained fiber was folded 3 times and evaluated for resistance to light. The results are shown in Table 1.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A polybenzazole article superior in light resistance, which comprises a polybenzazole and a light-resisting agent that allows for a regular reflectance of the article of not more than 30% in not less than 30% of the wavelength region of from 450 nm to 700 nm, wherein the light-resisting agent is at least one member selected from the

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